

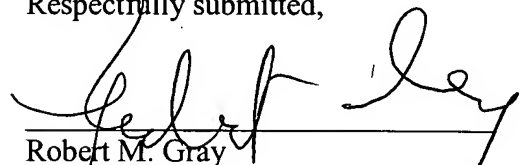
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an office action dated March 1, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as anticipated by *Potts* (U.S. 4,772,296) in view of applicant's admitted prior art (Figure 4). Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Potts* (US 4,772,296) in view of applicant's admitted prior art as applied to claim 22, further in view of *Karas* (US 4,095,455). Claims 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Potts* (US 4,772,296) in view of applicant's admitted prior art as applied in claim 1, further in view of *Sacks* (US 5,205,845). Claims 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Potts* (US 4,772,296) in view of *Jennings* (US 4,035,168). Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Potts* (US 4,772,296) in view of *Jennings* (US 4,035,168) as applied to claim 18, further in view of *Karas* (US 4,095,455). Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-17 were allowed. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 18 and 20-26.

All the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should any fees have been inadvertently omitted, or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Deposit Account Number 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas.

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